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Note verbale dated 11 March 1995 from the delegation of Greece to the World Summit for Social Development addressed to the secretariat of the Summit

In connection with the statement made by Mr. Kiro Gligorov, President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the delegation of Greece would like to recall that the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined the United Nations under precisely that name, in the wake of a political compromise and negotiations at the highest level which resulted in Security Council resolution 817 (1993).

It is to be expected that in this World Summit, organized by and taking place within the framework of the United Nations, the aforementioned Security Council resolution should be respected.

The delegation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should therefore use that name and not that of "Republic of Macedonia", since the wording of the above-mentioned resolution is very clear and explicit, leaving no room for misinterpretation.

Referring to his mention of Greece, it should be stressed that the well-known differences between the two countries bearing on usurpation of a historical name and ancient national emblems, irredentist aspirations and potential territorial revendications through constitutional provisions on behalf of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia are of a manifestly political and not of a socio-economic nature, as are the politically motivated counter-measures that Greece was forced to take last year in protection of her national interests.

The discussion of these differences does not therefore belong in this forum, since there are other forums in the United Nations that deal with political questions.

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